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SUMMARY. AT MAY 6 MEETING AT MFA, GEYER EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AT RESULTS OF GDR-IREX NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING RESOLUTION OF HOMES VISA CASE; NOTED FORTHCOMING VISIT BY GDR DELEGATION TO US FOR US-GDR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TALKS; ASSERTED EACH SIDE APPEARS TO EXPECT OTHER SIDE TO DO SOMETHING ON STALLED CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS; TOOK ISSUE WITH EMBASSY DISTRIBUTING PRINTED MATERIALS TO GDR INSTITUTIONS; AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US IPU DELEGATION MIGHT VISIT GDR THIS AUTUMN.

1. DURING A MEETING MAY 6 WITH CHARGE AT INITIATIVE OF DR. GEYER, CHIEF OF MFA'S AMERICAN SECTION, LATTER RAISED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

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2. IREX NEGOTIATIONS. GEYER EXPRESSED THE MINISTRY'S "GREAT SATISFACTION" WITH THE RESULTS OF THE IREX NEGOTIATIONS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION HEIDORN WAS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT, OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AND BY VARIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. THE GDR WAS PLEASED WITH THE EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES THROUGH IREX AND WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN

EXPANSION IN "SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. IN THIS LATTER REGARD, GEYER SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A FULL REPORT FROM THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE "SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES" MAY HAVE COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF TALKS POSSIBLY IN HEW. SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUSLY, GEYER ALSO NOTED THAT DR. HOLMES' VISA MATTER HAD BEEN RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH SIDES AND HE HOPED EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT WELL. SHE WOULD, HE SAID, BE WITHIN THE IREX AGREEMENT.

3. CHARGE REPLIED THAT WHILE WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE IREX NEGOTIATIONS, WE WERE ALSO PLEASED BY WHAT WE HAD HEARD AND CONSIDERED IT A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD IN THIS AREA OF OUR RELATIONS. CHARGE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THAT WHILE DR. HOLES' VISA PROBLEM APPARENTLY NOW IS SOLVED, SHE HAD ENCOUNTERED LAST MINUTE DIFFICULTIES ON THE PART OF OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO HAD TRIED TO GIVE HER A 3-MONTH RATHER THAN A 6-MONTH VISA BUT THAT, AT HER INSISTENCE, THEY HAD FINALLY GIVEN HER THE VISA FOR 6 MONTHS.

4. US-GDR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING. GEYER REFERRED TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE GDR DELEGATION FOR THE US-GDR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MID-JUNE. GEYER SAID THE GDR GROUP PLANNED TO LEAVE JUNE 12 AND HE WAS MENTIONING THIS NOW IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR SUBMISSION OF VISA APPLICATIONS, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE TAKEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARE OF EXPEDITIOUSLY. CHARGE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE GDR DELEGATION WOULD BE GOING FOR THE TALKS AND SAID THE EMBASSY WOULD, ONCE THE VISA APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED, ACT ON THEM PROMPTLY. IN THIS REGARD, AS DR. GEYER KNEW, WE HAD FACILITATED THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GDR DELEGATION FOR THE IREX TALKS. GEYER ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WAS SO.

5. CHARGE ASKED GEYER IF HE HAD ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS DURING HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FACILITATE. GEYER SAID HIS PRESENT INTENTIONS WERE TO STAY ON FOR ONE WEEK AFTER THE REST OF THE DELEGATION LEAVES IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH THE GDR EMBASSY AND TO MEET WITH ACADEMIC CIRCLES IN THE WASHINGTON AREA, WHPARAMMLH JT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO EXPRESSED REGARDLESS TO ENGAGE IN A "ROUNDTABLE" ALONG THE LINES

OF HIS LAST VISIT IN WASHINGTON. (FOLLOWING THAT VISIT GEYER EXPRESSED IRRITATION AT THE ALLEGED ANONYMITY OF HIS PARTNERS AT A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION IN THE DEPT. IN DECEMBER 1975. HAVING GONE THROUGH THE EXERCISE ONE, HE APPARENTLY NOW FEELS HE CAN EFFECTIVELY HANDLE QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM.) APART FROM THAT, HE COULD NOT THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE, AND WONDERED IF WE HAD SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT, ADDING AS PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT GEYER MIGHT WANT TO VISIT GERMAN MARSHALL PLAN FUND INASMUCH AS GEYER SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO TRYING TO ARRANGE AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MEMEBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHO MAY VISIT EAST BERLIN JUNE 5. GEYER DID NOT DEMUR.

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6. DISTRIBUTION OF EMBASSY PRINTED MATERIALS. GEYER THEN RAISED THE MATTER OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MINISTRY AND OTHER GDR INSTITUTIONS OF MATERIALS FROM THE EMBASSY, NOTING THAT "PRESS RELEASES" BY EMBASSIES, ACCORDING TO GDR REGULATIONS, MUST BE SUBMITTED THREE WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO THE MINISTRY'S PRESS OFFICE.

IF, AT THE END OF THREE DAYS, THE PRESS OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY, THEN THE EMBASSY CAN GO AHEAD AND DISTRIBUTE THESE MATERIALS TO OTHER GDR INSTITUTIONS. GYER RAISED THIS SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S TV INTERVIEW WITH EUROPEAN EDITORS WHICH THE EMBASSY HAD SENT TO THE MINISTRY AND THE IIB FOR FIRST TIME UNDER COVER OF A "PRESS RELEASE" LETTERHEAD. (THIS GENERAL SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED BY MONTAG WITH PAO AND USIA OFFICERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY.)

7. CHARGE REPLIED THAT THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN SENDING SUCH TEXTS, WHICH ARE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER OFFICIALS, TO THE MINISTRY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AS PART OF ITS NORMAL PRACTICE. THEY WERE NOT AS SUCH STRICTLY EMBASSY PRESS RELEASED. CHARGE SOUGHT TO DRAW GEYER OUT ON A POSSIBLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN A "PRESS RELEASE" AND THE TRANSMISSION OF THE OFFICIAL TEXTS BY THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS, BUT GEYER MAINTAINED THAT SUCH MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT FIRST TO THE PRESS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY. AT THE SAME TIME, GEYER SAID, HE HOPED THE EMBASSY WOULD CONTINUE ITS PRACTICE OF SENDING SUCH TEXTS DIRECTLY TO HIM AS WELL AS TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GRUNERT SINCE THEY FOUND THEM VERY USEFUL. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN PRINCIPLE OF DISTRIBUTING SUCH MATERIALS TO MFA, OTHER MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS AS APPROPRIATE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY MFA PRESS DEPARTMENT. WE INTEND, THEREFORE, TO CONTINUE TO SEND SUCH MATERIALS WITHOUT USING "PRESS RELEASE" COVER. SHOULD GEYER OR OTHER MFA OFFICIALS RAISE MATTER WITH US AGAIN, WE WOULD MAINTAIN THAT SUCH DISTRIBUTION IS NORMAL IN EVERY OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH WHOM WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CSCE, THE SECTION ON INFORMATION, AND WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS PARTICULARLY SINCE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS FREE TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS. END COMMENT.

8. CONSULAR CONVENTION. TOWARD THE END OF THE DISCUSSION, CHARGE RAISED ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF WHERE WE STOOD ON THE CONSULAR CONVENTION DRAFT, NOTING THAT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA WOULD BE OF IMPORTANCE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH SIDES. CHARGE SAID HE HAD COME TO THE GDR ANTICIPATING THAT ONE OF HIS FIRST TASKS WOULD BE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF NEGOTIATING A CONSULAR CONVENTION, BUT THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. GEYER SAID BOTH SIDES APPEARED TO BE WAITING FOR THE OTHER SIDE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, TO WHICH CHARGE RESPONDED WE HAD SUBMITTED A COUNTER DRAFT TO THE GDR SIDE LAST JULY AND HAVE HEARD NOTHING ON THE DRAFT SINCE THEN. THEREFORE, IN OUR VIEW, THE BALL WAS IN THEIR COURT.

9. THE UPSHOT OF GEYER'S RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY SAW NO PARTICULAR PURPOSE NOW IN HAVING ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY COME UP AGAINST THE QUESTION OF A DEFINITION OF NATIONALITY IN THE CONVENTION. FROM THE GDR STANDPOINT, IT WAS SIMPLY A QUESTION OF OBTAINING CLEAR ASSURANCES, WHETHER IN THE TEXT ITSELF OR IN SOME FORM OF ANNEX OR LETTER, THAT THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT GDR CITIZENS IN THE US. SPEAKING FRANKLY, HE SAID THEIR CONCERN WAS THAT GDR CITIZENS WOULD NOT SOMEHOW FIND THEMSELVES IN A POSITION WHERE IT WAS A QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THE EAST GERMAN OR THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY. CHARGE SUGGESTED WE MIGHT GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER INFORMALLY AT LUNCH LATER THIS MONTH, AND GEYER AGREED.

10. POSSIBLE US IPU DELEGATION VISIT TO GDR. AT END OF MEETING, GEYER NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN IPU MEETING IN SOFIA IN THE FALL. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A US IPU GROUP COULD THEN COME TO THE GDR, NOT THROUGH WEST BERLIN, BUT DIRECTLY. THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADING US CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES TO MEET WITH SUCH LEADING GDR PARLIAMENTARIES AS AXEN AND HAGEL. CHARGE NOTED THAT US IPU DELEGATES MADE UP THEIR OWN MINDS ABOUT SCHEDULES AND THAT, AS GEYER KNEW, THE DEPT. HAD NO SAY IN THE MATTER.  
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GEYER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, BUT SAID THE GDR WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE US IPU GROUP. POLANSKY

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